(b) Project authorities are fully committed to rehabilitiate the affected rural population. The Project has already earned appreciation for imparting skills and training to local affected tribals and employing them as operators and maintenance staff.

(c) Does no arise.

WRONG APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS IN BHALGORE PROJECT OF B.C.C.L. IN THE NAME OF HARIJAN TRIBALS

2317. SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 115 persons have been wrongly appointed as Harijan tribals|Adivasis in Bhalgore project of the Bharat Coking Coal Limited;

(b) wheher it is also a fact that the Personnel Manager of the said project has been suspended for the said appointments;

(c) whether Government propose to take any further action against the General Manager of the said project and appoint Harijans only on these posts ;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) 115 persons were appointed in Bhalgore Area in the year 1991 under a Scheme for recruitment of SCs|STs.

(b) Personnel Manager concerned has been dismissed for irregularities in the above appointments.

(c) to (e) Enquiry was conducted against the General Manager also. As no special charger were proved in his case, no penel action was called for against him.

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड द्वारा निलम्बित किये गये कामगार

2318. **श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान :** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड ने पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान बिना कोई आरोप पत्र दिये लगभग 500 कामगारों को निलम्बित कर दिया है ;

(ख) क्या इन निलम्बित कामगारों में अनुसूचित जातियों और पिछड़े वर्गों के कामगारों की संख्या अधिक है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इन निलम्बित कामगारों को बहाल करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा): (क) कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड, कलकत्ता द्वारा पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान बिना आरोप-पत्र जारी किये किसी भी कामगार को निलम्बित नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है।

TRANSPORTATION OF COAL TO GUJARAT AND MAHARASHTRA

2319. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Coal is being transported smoothly due to non-availability of wagons for Gujarat and Maharashtra in in the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details of the demand and supply of wagons for the last three years; and

(c) what efforts have been made by Government so far to provide adequate wagons for the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Railways have informed that movement of coal by rail to Maharashtra and Gujarat is satisfactory. In order to further increase movement of coal for the industrial consumers of Gujarat and Maharashtra, 100 per cent allotments are being made for industries from coalfields linked

to these States from June, '93 onwards. Railways have also withdrawn ceiling limits for sponsoring movement of coal and State Governments have been asked to sponsor the requirements of consumers freely for the year 1994.

IMPORT OF COAL BY GUJARAT ELECTRICITY BOARD

2320. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gujarat Electricity Board has decided to import two million tonnes of Coal for power generation against the advice of Coal India Ltd. ;

(b) if so, the reasons given by the Board for such import;

(c) whether the import has been allowed by Government; and

(d) *if not, what steps are being taken* by Government to resolve the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (d) Under the current export and import policy, coal can be freely imported and no permission/ licence is required for import of coal by *thermal power stations.*

Coal India Ltd. and the railways are in a position to meet full requirements of power stations in Gujarat. The coal demand of power houses of Gujarat Electricity Board as assessed by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) vis-a-vis actual supplies during the last three years are given below :

(Data provisional)

Year	Demand (in 000 tonnes)	Actual supplies tonnes)	% materialisation
1990–91	7820	8401	107%
1991–92	9013	9272	103%
1992–93	10873	11071	102%
1993–94 . . . . . (upto Oct., 93)	6530	6600	101%

The above data indicates that the supplies have been more than the assessed demands. Due to improved coal despatches the thermal power generation in the State has gone up.

In view the significant improvement in production and despatches of indigenous coal, Coal India Ltd. and Singaroni Collieries Company Ltd. are confident of meeting the full coal requirements of power stations in the country including power stations in Gujarat.

LOW ASH COKING COAL FOR STEEL AND POWER PLANTS

2321. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that country need low ash coking coal for Steel Plants and low ash non-coking coal for Power Plants;

(b) if so, what is the actual requirement per annum and how much could be supplied through our indigenous sources; and

(c) what are the details of the Coal reserve claimed to be proved and how much of the total proved reserve is suitable for Steel Industry and how much of it is suitable for Power industry ?